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Upcoming Special Events

- Friends of Loxahatchee are having their annual meeting on Sunday January 20, 2013. Our Friends just celebrated their 30th Anniversary.
- Volunteer Award Luncheon — Save the Day — March 20, 2013
- Everglades Day Volunteer Orientation — January 31, 5:30PM and February 2, 1:00PM. Two hours long.
- Fee Free Entry Martin Luther King Day January 21
- 14th Annual Everglades Day Festival - Healthy Everglades Healthy People February 9, 2013



Canoe Trail

Regular Scheduled Events for the First Quarter 2013

- Sunday: 7:45AM Guided Birdwalk, Butterflies, Wildflowers at the Marsh Trail with Howard Bernstein, Volunteer
2:00 PM Guided Cypress Boardwalk Tour with Lew Hecker, Park Ranger
- Monday: 1:30 PM Guided Cypress Boardwalk Tour with Bruce Rosenberg, Volunteer
- Tuesday: 1:30 PM Roving the Cypress Boardwalk with Jay Erlichman, Volunteer, This is every other Tuesday.
- Wednesday: 7:30 AM Guided Birdwalk on the Marsh Trail with Rick Schofield, Audubon Society
9:00 AM Scoping the Marsh Trail with Sandi Wicklund, Volunteer
2:00 PM Guided Cypress Swamp Boardwalk Tour with Lew Hecker, Park Ranger
- Thursday: 9:00 AM Scoping the Marsh Trail with Sandi Wicklund, Volunteer
1:30 PM Guided Cypress Swamp Boardwalk Tour with Bruce Rosenberg, Volunteer
- Friday: 7:45 AM Guided Birdwalk Marsh Trail with Howard Bernstein, Volunteer
9:00 AM Scoping the Marsh Trail with Sandi Wicklund, Volunteer
1:30 PM Guided Cypress Swamp Boardwalk Tour with Lee Wrubel, Volunteer
- Saturday: 7:30 AM Guided Birdwalk on the Marsh Trail with Refuge Experts, Volunteers
7:30 AM Guided Canoe Tours with Jeff Kramer, Volunteer. This occurs every other Saturday
- Other Events:
- Saturday: 10:30 AM Nectar Party: Storytime Activities for Children 4-6 with Sheila Josephowitz and Rita Adams
January 12, 19 and February 16 and 23 .
9:00 AM Wildlife Photography with Michael Rosenbaum, Limited Attendance January 26 and February 2
6:45PM Moonlight Canoe Trip, January 26

These events can change for a number of reasons. Check with the Front Desk 561-734-8303 for the most up to date information.

Canoe events, children stories and Wildlife Photography require visitors to sign up in advance.

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14th Annual Everglades Day Festival

Everglades Day Festival, Saturday, February 9, 2013 Volunteer Information

A letter was sent to all of you to sign up for Everglades Day positions that you would like to work on that day. As usual more people are signing up for morning activities...we still need people for afternoon activities so if you are feeling abnormally energetic or you are a late riser, we have places for you. We also still need people for morning activities, so if you are one of those people who like to get up early, make sure you join up. If you have lost the earlier email from me, here is what you have to do:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/NmwXA8>
 2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
 3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!
- Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

This Volunteer Spot is intended to reduce the amount of time that I spend trying to track your attendance. When **Judy Colvard** was scheduling the "normal" coordinator job was a lot less stressful! (Three cheers for Judy!!!!) If this is successful, I will start using this to let you sign up for Visitor Center positions and times for the rest of the year. It will be much easier for everyone. But that is for later!

Uniforms

I would like to have everyone wearing their new shirts by the middle of January. Please make arrangements to get your shirt at Manno Uniforms. As I told you in an earlier note, Manno Uniforms moved to a new location at 909 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach FL.

Take I-95 to:
Take exit 66 for FL-882 W
Turn left onto FL-882 W/Forest Hill Blvd
Turn right onto FL-809 N/S Military Trail
Make a U-turn -- destination will be on right.

909 S Military Trail
West Palm Beach FL
561-439-4067

The shirt you will receive is poly-cotton and despite my earlier statement, the shirts are unisex. This is the shirt that we provide you at no cost. You are free to purchase your own shirt as long as it meets the same uniform style -- white, epaulets, with at least one pocket. The recommended pants, skirts or shorts should be navy blue but can also be black or khaki (I had no idea how hard it was for women to find navy blue -- my apologies). Manno Uniforms does have pants that are navy blue at a reasonable price. The uniform look includes tucking the shirt tails into the pants.

Manno's is open Monday thru Friday, 10—5.

Loxahatchee
Staff Members

Sylvia Pelizza	Project Leader
Rolf Olson	Deputy Refuge Mgr.
Bill Calvert	Law Enforcement
Scott Engstler	Law Enforcement
Kris Baenziger	Admin
Jean Ryan	Admin
Biology	
Rebekah Gibble	Senior Biologist
Marcie Kapsch	Biologist
Kristen Mason	Biologist
Darren Pecora	Biotech
Melissa Better	Biotech
Ryan Hudgins	Biotech
Public Use	
Keith Boliek	Fees
Lew Hecker	Fees
Eddie Maresma	Fees
Serena Rinker	Outreach
Chuck Ryan	Volunteers
Maintenance	
Donnie Campbell	
Allen Hansen	
Fire Services	
Jon Wallace	Fire Specialist
Grant Gifford	Forestry Tech

Everglades Restoration

Nick Aumen	(NPS)
Donatto Surratt	(NPS)
Melissa Martin	(FWS)

Hobe Sound Staff

Bill Miller	Project Lead
Biology	
Richard Brust	Biologist
Maintenance	
Bill Anson	
Tom Renna	
Public Use	
Dale Klco	Fees



Snail Kite Nest mon-
itoring by airboat

Pay it Forward. Volunteer!
Want to help out and volunteer? Fill
out an application now or call 561-
734-8303.

Scoping the Everglades

Sandi Wicklund, one of our resident volunteers, has created a new trail position. Sandi has set up a telescope at the Pavilion where the old administration building used to be. She is finding lots of birds and other animals with her 'scope. The good part about it is that a visitor can simply drive up to the pavilion. The pavilion itself is handicap accessible, with excellent shade and seating. So if you don't have the energy to do the bird walk, go and see Sandi and enjoy Loxahatchee wildlife from a different perspective. You will be glad you did.

Any comments or suggestions about this newsletter will be graciously accepted. What can I do to improve this quarterly paper? Send me an email charles_ryan@fws.gov or call 561-735-6010.

Name Tags

Over the years some of you have misplaced, broken or lost your bronze name tags. If you are one of those, please send me a note with the correct spelling of the name the way you want it. .

Nectar Party: Reading for
Children

A new program for children ages 4 - 6 will be held Saturday, January 12 and 19 at 10:30 in the Auditorium. **Sheila Josephowitz** and **Rita Adams** will be working with naturalists on a combined reading/nature program. The planned module for January is about Butterflies. If you have grandchildren or know others with grandchildren, plan on celebrating this event. This program was created by Sheila and Rita with some financial help and support from the Friends of Loxahatchee. The program lasts about one (1) hour.

Bird Walk Tours

Thank you to our friends from the Audubon Society who gave us **Rick Schofield** to lead some of our Wednesday bird walks. And our own **Kristen Murtaugh**, **Tim Keith** and **Sandi Wicklund** for leading the Saturday walks. **Pat Canning** has also shown up to accompany Kristen on her tour, **Howard Bernstein** leads his Friday morning tour which is a new tour for the refuge.

Clean up in front of the Admin/Visitor Center

In case you haven't noticed, the front of the administration building and visitor center looks like a very friendly tornado has hit it. **Dave and Jan Conley**, volunteers, have done a thorough sprucing up of the neighborhood. The place hasn't looked so good since the gardens were planted. And they have also been in the cypress swamp cleaning up some of the more obnoxious plants back there.



Butterfly Gardeners

We have several people to thank for the cleanup of the butterfly gardens including **Gabriele Little**, **Anne Swanson** and **Kathy Walters**. A newcomer is college student **Elizabeth Mardy** who has been learning the ins and outs from Gabriele. **Dave and Jan Conley** have contributed their fair share of the effort as well..

What can a Volunteer Do?

I get asked this a lot — maybe because I am the volunteer coordinator for Loxahatchee. The answer is pretty much anything you want to do. We have formal positions in the Visitor Center and Gift Store, more in the Maintenance shop, some in Biology, and positions in Administration. We also have informal positions — come up with a project of your own, bring it to us and if it meets the appropriate approvals, you can do that for your volunteer work .

The PVC pipes you see

in the Cypress Swamp are from a Cuban Tree Frog experiment that was proposed by a student. Not only did it meet approval, but the refuge is continuing the project a couple of years later. All proposals will not be acceptable but it is worth a try! In the meantime, give me a call at my office and I will put you to work! — Chuck Ryan.

This Month's Q&A Volunteer Tips

Q: How do I use the telephone
in the Visitor Center?

A: When answering the telephone, greet the caller by saying "Arthur R Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, may I help you ?"

If you need to transfer the call to some where else in the building, press "Transfer", dial the last four digits of the appropriate telephone number and hang up.



The telephone numbers for all staff members are posted on the wall behind the VC front desk. The posting also includes Emergency Numbers for our refuge Law Enforcement officers.

A separate posting includes the numbers of animal care clinics and other important wildlife oriented organizations.

If you still need help, check with one of the more experienced volunteers, look in the Volunteer Handbook or check with Chuck Ryan, the Volunteer Coordinator.

EYE ON IT
Current Refuge
Forecast

I am looking forward to these next three months with a lot of activities planned for all of us. First we have the day to day operation of the Visitor Center, the Maintenance people, and the Rovers and Leaders around the refuge. But we also have some events that are in the planning stages and some are already scheduled. Orientation for New Volunteers is almost at the point where it can be presented thanks to **Mike Winkur** and **Max Wald**. Maybe in January. Everglades Day is coming on February 9, 2013 and as always it should be a Saturday to remember. I am praying for a cool, dry day. Cool so I don't sweat nor freeze. Dry so I am not chilled by the cool and no wind so the canoes can make it across the canal. I also hope that the Friends sell a lot of t-shirts from their Tent and Store. **Mike Rosenbaum** is going to be presenting his Wildlife Photography seminar on the last Saturday and Sunday of January and the first Saturday of February. The Friends have started their Photo Contest which continues through this period and is always a highly anticipated event. The astronomers will be visiting Loxahatchee every month also for star gazing. I think this is a great time! And don't forget the moonlight canoe trips. Chuck Ryan Editor 561-735-6010